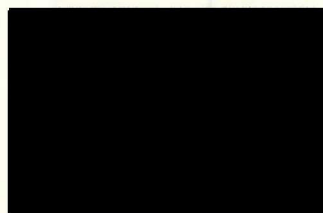


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ATTENTION:
MR. DONALD WALKER

I AM WRITTING YOU FOR YOUR HELP I AM AWARE THAT YOU ARE BUSY, BUT I PRAY THAT YOU READ MY LETTER. I HAVE A PROBLEM THAT IS BIGGER THAN WHAT I CAN HANDLE. I AM GOING TO TRY AND EXPLAIN THE BEST WAY I KNOW HOW. IN THIS CASE THE COURT OF LAW IN LAKE CHARLES LOUISIANA, ALLOWED THE ABOVE CASE TO BE UNJUST/UNEQUAL/BIAS.

IN OR ABOUT THE YEAR OF 1995, SOME ATTORNEYS CAME TO OUR COMMUNITY OF MOSSVILLE AND STARTED A LAW SUIT MAKING ALL SORTS OF PROMISES THEY DIDN'T KEEP WITH THE MOSSVILLE RESIDENTS, A CLASS ACTION. THESE ATTORNEYS WERE ABLE TO GET

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RECORD

IN OUR COMMUNITY, BY USING ONE OF THE RESIDENTS, THE ATTORNEYS SENT TWO PEOPLE OF COLOR TO MEET WITH ONE OF OUR WELL KNOWN BLACK COMMUNITY LEADERS AND HAD HIM OUT TO LUNCH, TO DISCUSS WITH HIM ABOUT THEM COMING INTO THE COMMUNITY TO DO A LAW SUIT. THE PROMIDENT COMMUNITY PERSON AGREED TO HELP THE ATTORNEYS AND HE SET UP A MEETING WITH EIGHT OTHER RESIDENTS AND HIMSELF, (OUT OF THE COMMUNITY). AFTER THAT MEETING THE COMMUNITY DOORS BECAME OPENED TO START THE CLASS ACTION. THE ATTORNEYS PROMISED THE BLACK LEADER MONEY IF HE LET THEM COME INTO THE COMMUNITY, THE PRICE 200,000 DOLLARS, SO HE ACCEPTED AND OPEN THE COMMUNITY CENTERS DOORS. THE PEOPLE OF MOSSVILLE WERE LIKE SHEEP GOING TO SLAUGHTER. IT WASN'T SHEEP THESE ATTORNEYS WERE SLAUGHTERING; IT WAS PEOPLE, MINORITY PEOPLE, AND THE MAJORITY WERE ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS. SOME OF THEM COULD NOT READ OR WRITE. THESE ATTORNEYS WERE SLICK AS SLICK AS FRESH TAR AND THEY TOOK THESE ELDERLY PEOPLE FOR ALL THEY EVER OWNED IN LIFE. ONE OF THESE PEOPLE WAS MY MOTHER.

MOSSVILLE RESIDENTAL HOMES IS LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE OF BIG INDUSTRIES. SOME OR LOCATED 80 FT. FROM CONDEA VISTA, 60 FT. FROM CONOCO. 1/2 MILE OR LESS FROM PPG INC. AND OLIN AND ENTERGY. THERE ARE 54 INDUSTRIES IN OUR PARISH ALONG. INDUSTRIES HAVE RAPPED OUR LAND, BROUGHT DEATH SENTENCES AND HAS STOLEN OUR HISTORY. HELP US PLEASE, IF YOU CAN'T COME TO HELP ADDRESS THIS MATTER AT HAND, THEN PLEASE SEND A REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR DIVISION, AND LET THEM REPORT BACK TO YOU THEIR FINDINGS AND SEND BACK A REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF MOSSVILLE.

IN THE PAST YEAR ALONE WE HAVE HAD TO BURY 60 PLUS RESIDENTS AND THE NUMBERS HAVE NOT STOP RISING. WE AS A BLACK PEOPLE "DIDN'T HAVE MUCH BUT WHAT WE HAD WAS OURS" THIS WAS THE STATEMENT OF ONE OF THE CITIZENS AFTER LOSING HER HOME THAT WAS PAID FOR. SHE WEPT AND I TRIED TO HELP COMFORT HER, BUT FAIL TO DO SO, SHE WAS DEVISTATED. WITH NOWHERE TO GO BUT IN A ONE ROOM APARTMENT FOR THREE YEARS NOW. HER HUSBAND DIED WITH CANCER TRYING TO FINISH THE HOME THEY HAD INVESTED ALL THEIR MONEY IN BUILDING AND THE FAMILY IS STILL LIVING IN AND APART FROM EACH OTHER TRYING TO MAKE IT. THE LITIGATION FORCED OUT EVERYONE WHO WAS APART OF THIS LITIGATION. EVERYONE THAT WAS ON THIS LITIGATION WAS TOLD THEY COULDN'T GET A CHECK UNTIL AFTER THEY SIGN FIRST. THERE WAS NO AMOUNT OF MONEY BEING PAID TO THEM ON THESE PAPERS THEY SIGNED AT THIS TIME. SOME TOOK THEIR OWN MONEY TO MOVE,

BECAUSE THE LAWYERS TOLD THE RESIDENTS OF MOSSVILLE THEY HAD TO MOVE BEFORE THEY COULD RECIEVE THEIR CHECKS FROM THE LAW SUIT THE RESIDENTS WENT FROM OWNING THEIR HOME AND PROPERTY, TO RENTING, OR STAYING WITH OTHER RELATIVES AND SOME TOOK THEIR SAVING AND WENT IN DEBT WITH A NEW MORTGAGE, JUST TO TURN AROUND AND LOSE THE HOUSE THEY BECAME IN DEBT WITH. THE ATTORNEYS DIDN'T PAY THE RESIDENTS UNTIL THEY GOT GOOD AND READY. THEY PLAYED THAT OLD BAIT AND SWITCH, ON THEM. THEY HAD EVERYONE TO COME IN AND SIGN ONE COMPANIES SETTLEMENT (CONDEA-VISTA) BEFORE THE OTHER COMPANY (CONOCO) SETTLEMENT, SO WE WOULD HAVE ALREADY SIGNED OUR RIGHTS AWAY FIRST AND BECOME BOUND BY THE SETTLEMENT. I HAD TO FIND THIS OUT FROM SOME ONE WHO TRIED TO RELOCATE US AND FAILED TO DO SO, BECAUSE THE CEO'S OF THE COMPANYS LISTED ABOVE THREATEN HIM AND TOLD HIM HE BETTER NOT LET THE SUN SET AND CATCH HIM IN CALCASIEU PARISH. THIS WAS AN AFRICAN AMERICAN WHO THEY TOLD THIS TO. LET ME EXPLAIN, THE ATTORNEYS WHO REPRESTED MOSSVILLE RESIDENTS AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES CEO'S AND THEIR LAWYERS DIDN'T WANT THESE AFRICAN AMERICAN PEOPLE FROM MOSSVILLE, TO RECIEVE LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY THEY DESERVED TO RECIEVE OFF OF THIS LITIGATION. BY MOSSVILLE BEING RIGHT DAB IN THE WAY OF BIG INDUSTRIES, THEY WERE WILLING TO PAY THE ATTORNEYS WELL TO TAKE AWAY ALL OF OUR HOMES, OUR LAND AND OUR HISTORY FOR PEANUTS.

NOTE: THIS LITIGATION WAS NOT ABOUT SELLING OF HOUSES, NOR WAS IT ABOUT TAKING AWAY OUR RIGHTS TO SUE FOR OUR HEALTH AND OTHER CHEMICALS. FOREVER AND EVER AMEN. THIS LAWSUIT WAS ABOUT GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION ONLY, BUT ALL OF THIS WAS INCLUDED WITH NO REMORSE AND TAKEN AWAY FROM US. WE WASN'T TOLD ABOUT THIS AND A MATTER OF FACT IT WASN'T EVEN DISGUSSED WITH US, THESE ATTORNEYS DID ALL OF THIS AND THEY WERE OUR ATTORNEYS. IF MAN CANNOT TRUST IN THE LAW, THEN WHAT GOOD IS THE LAW FOR MAN. THE ATTORNEYS ARE SUPPOSE TO BE OUR ALLIES NOT OUR ENEMIES. THESE ATTORNEYS PICKED A CLASS OF PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY TO GO BETWEEN THEM AND US SOME OF THESE RESIDENTS THEY CHOSE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THESE ATTORNEYS WAS DOING AT ANYTIME. DOING THE PROCESS OF THIS CASE, THE ATTORNEYS WOULD NOT ANSWER US. WE COULD NOT GET THEM TO CALL US BACK HALF OF THE TIME AND WHEN THEY DID THEY WERE SO NASTY TO YOU ON THE PHONE. THEM AND THEIR RECEPTIONISTS AND THEIR SECATERYS AND PARALEGALS BEFORE AND AFTER THE CASE SETTLED.

THERE WERE A CLASS OF PEOPLE CHOOSSEN BY THE ATTORNEYS FROM OUR COMMUNITY, THESE CLASS OF PEOPLE WAS SUPPOSE TO

FACILITATE BETWEEN US AND THE ATTORNEYS AND THEN AFTERWARDS BRING WHAT WE AS CLIENTS HAD TO SAY ABOUT MATTERS OF DISCUSSION BACK TO THE ATTORNEYS, BUT THIS WAS NOT DONE. THESE PEOPLE WASN'T CHOSEN BY US. THESE PEOPLE WAS CHOSEN BY THE ATTORNEY WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE NOR DID WE AGREE TO THIS MATTER. THIS CASE WAS ABUSIVE, AND UNJUST THE PROOF IS IN THE CASE. THE CITIZENS IN THESE CASES WERE OUTRAGED. THERE WAS NO ATTORNEY/CLIENT RELATIONSHIP. THESE ATTORNEYS NEED TO BE MADE EXAMPLES OF AND BE DISBARRED, ALONG WITH THE JUDGE WHO MADE STATEMENT THESE ATTORNEYS WERE HIS FRIENDS. THEY CHOSE HIM FOR THIS REASON. THIS JUDGE IS CROOKED HE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO A HOLD LOT OF UNJUSTNESS AND BIASNESS AGAINST THE MOSSVILLE PEOPLE. THEY SHOULD BE PUNISHED FOR THIS CONSPIRACY. WE FELT LIKE THEY SET US UP AND SUCCEEDED. EVERYONE WE'VE GONE TO, WILL NOT HELP THE PEOPLE OF MOSSVILLE RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS. THE JUDGE AND THE ATTORNEYS ON THE LITIGATION SCHEDULED A SPECIAL MEETING IN OUR COMMUNITY (MOSSVILLE), TO TELL FOLKS NOT TO OPP OUT OF THE LAW SUIT. AT THE MEETING THE JUDGE SAID THAT HE WAS GOING TO GIVE THOSE WHO OPP OUT THE CHANCE TO OPP BACK ON (THE LAW SUIT). QUESTION " WHY " ? ISN'T THIS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST? THE JUDGE ALSO TOLD RESIDENTS HE HAD CHOSE THESE ATTORNEYS WHO WILL BE WORKING ON THE CASE. (HE CHOSE THESE ATTORNEYS, WHATS THIS?) THEY WORKED FOR HIM, THAT HE BROUGHT HIS DEPUTIES WITH HIM AND HE AND THE ATTORNEYS WHO WORKED FOR HIM, WILL BE THE ONLY ONES TALKING. THAT THE RESIDENTS OF MOSSVILLE WHO WAS ON THIS LAWSUIT COULDN'T TALK. IF WE TALKED OR SAID ANYTHING OR CAUSED ANY PROBLEMS, WE WOULD BE ARRESTED BY HIS DUPTIES. WE WERE THREATENED AND TREATED LIKE SLAVES. THE OFFICERS HAD STICKS AND GUNS, WE WERE SO AFRAID, AFRAID FOR OUR LIVES, SO NO ONE SAID A THING. PEOPLE WAS BEING THREATEN ALL THE TIME THOSE FEW WHO TRIED TO SPEAK OUT AND THIS WAS VERY FEW. THE RESIDENTS OF MOSSVILLE FIGURED THEY HAD NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO COOPERATE AND THEY THOUGHT THAT IF THEY FIGHT AGAINST THE ATTORNEYS, THEY WOULD NOT Receive ENOUGH MONEY FOR THEIR FAMILIES. I KNOW, BECAUSE I WAS ONE OF THESE PEOPLE WHO PLAYED A BIG PART IN TRYING TO RESCUE MY PEOPLE FROM THIS ATTORNEY, JUST AS I AM TRYING TO DO NOW. MY HOUSE WAS SHOT AT, WINDOWS BROKEN AND HOLES LEFT IN MY WALLS UNTIL TODAY; I REFUSE TO BE RAN OUT OF MY HOME BY THESE PEOPLE. I NEED YOUR HELP AND I NEED IT NOW SIR. WHAT WE AS CITIZENS RECIEVED FROM GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION OF EDC (ETHELIN DICHLOIDE) WAS SLAVES SHARES AND WE WERE ROBBED OF OUR

RIGHTS AND EVRYTHING WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM US INCLUDING OUR HEALTH AND DIGNITY AND OUR HOMES AND A LOT OF OUR PEOPLE DIED BEFORE SETTLEMENT OF THESE CASES.

HISTORY

MOSSVILLE IS A SMALL HISTORICAL BLACK COMMUNITY ESTABLISHED IN THE 1800, THAT IS LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE OF HEAVY INDUSTRY. THE DEATH RATE FROM CHEMICALS THAT ARE CONTINUING TO BE RELASED IS CLIMBING; EVERY MONTH OR SO SOME ONE DIES FROM CANCER IN THE MOSSVILLE COMMUNITY. THERE ARE 65 DEPARTMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN MOSSVILLE, LDEQ, ATSDR, REGION 6 EPA, US EPA, CDC, NOAA, LDHH AND OTHERS. THERE WERE 28 MOSSVILLE RESIDENTS TESTED BY ATSDR AND THEY FOUND HIGH DIOXIN LEVELS IN OUR BLOOD. THE FINGER PRINT IS DIFFERENT FROM ANY DIOXIN FINGER PRINT IN THE WORLD. THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE TESTED BLOOD, CHICKENS, EGGS, BREASTMLK, FISH, WATER, SOIL, AND AIR. THE PEOPLE OF MOSSVILLE WERE EXPOSED TO THESE CHEMICALS, OVER TIME FOR MANY YEARS, AND WHAT THEIR EFFECTS ARE ON THE MOSSVILLE PEOPLE EXIST PAST AND PRESENT. WE USE TO DRINK FROM PRIVATE WELLS NO DEEPER THAN 25 TO 50 FT. WE WASHED OUR CLOTHES IN CONTAMINATED WATER WITH EDC AND OTHER CHEMICALS. WE DRUNK THIS UNCLEAN WATER, WE ATE FROM CONTAMINATED GROUND THE FOODS WE GREW, OUR CHILDREN PLAYED ON THESE CHEMICALS AND IN THESE CHEMICALS. NO ALARMS WENT OFF TO LET US KNOW TO GET OUT OF THE AREA, NOTHING!!! NOT EVEN A PAMPHLET ON WHAT WAS RELEASED IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE BEEN LIED TO AND THE BOTTOM LINE IS WE ARE DIEING AND DIEING SLOWLY. MY HOLE FAMILY IS SICK BEHIND ALL THESE CHEMICALS. I HAVE LOST MY FATHER WHO WAS 62, MY SISTER WHO WAS 45, MY TWO BROTHER-IN-LAWS ONE 54 AND THE OTHER 52 SIX MONTHS APART, ALL FROM CANCER AND MASSIVE HEART ATTRACKS AND RESPIOTORY PROBLEMS AND MANY OTHER HEALTH PROBLEMS.

I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON. I PRAY GOD WILL HELP US WIN VICTORY, SO THIS CASE CAN BE INVESTIGATED PROPERLY SO JUSTICE CAN PREVAIL. WE WANT WHATS OURS AND WE CLAIM IT TO BE GIVEN BACK TO US, THAT WHICH WAS TAKEN. THERE WAS AN INVESTIGATION DONE BY ME AND SOME OTHER CITIZENS. BY THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT AND THE SHERIFF SAID HE WOULD PLACE IT WITH THE FBI, THIS TOOK PLACE BEFORE THE NEW SHERIFF WAS REPLACED BY THE OLD SHERIFF, WHICH BY THE WAY THE NEW SHERIFF IS THE WIFE

OF ONE OF THE LEAD ATTORNEYS ON OUR LAWSUIT FOR MOSSVILLE LOUISIANA. THESE PEOPLE HAVE MANAGED TO RUN THIS CITY. ANYWAY THE INVESTIGATION WAS DONE BY SHERIFF WAYNE MCEVELEN AND WHAT WAS TOLD TO ME AND SOME OF THE OTHER MOSSVILLE RESIDENCE, WAS THIS "THERE WAS A LOT OF WRONG DOINGS", BUT THE INVESTIGATION NEVER CAME FORTH TO REVEAL THE WRONG DOINGS. I KNOW THERE WERE A LOT OF CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS THAT TOOK PLACE AND I HAVE THE PROOF BUT CANNOT GET IT OUT IN THE OPEN MEDIA TO BE ADDRESSED. I HAVE SO MUCH ANXIETY FROM ALL OF THIS, UNTIL I CANN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT. EVEN OUR BABIES, ELDERLY CITIZENS AND CHILDREN WAS PHYSICALLY ABUSED AND MIS-REPRESENTED IN THIS LAW SUIT. SOME GOT NOTHING AND SOME RECEIVED VERY LITTLE, 20.00 DOLLARS. SOME 75.00 DOLLARS AND SOME 6 OR 7000 DOLLARS MORE OR LESS. THIS FOR THEIR HEALTH, NO FOR GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION AND THEIR HOMES AND LAND. THIS IS SAD, SAD, SAD. IT NEED TO STOP AND I PRAY THIS BECOME ONE HOT TOPIC FOR THE UP COMING PRESIDENTAL CAMPAIGN. (CLASS ACTION ABUSE).

NOTE:

These lawyers had us to come into their office and fill out a 32-page health survey, gave us no report or results of the survey. Went to court and swore under oath they found no one with a health problems.

People in the Mossville community found out they had health problems by doing our own health survey through independent studies along with ATSDR, THAT WE HAVE DIOXINS IN OUR BODY FROM THESE CHEMICALS. I REQUESTED A COPY OF THE HEALTH SURVEY TAKEN BY OUR TOXICOLOGISTS AND IT WAS THE SAME MEDICAL SURVEY, AS THE ONE THE LAWYERS ON THE MOSSVILLE CASE (LAWSUIT) DID AND IT READ THAT WE WERE EXPOSED TO HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF EDC, PVC, VCM AND OTHERS. I ALSO ASKED AND REQUESTED A COPY OF MY HEALTH SURVEY, FROM THE ATTORNEYS ON THE LAWSUIT FOR MOSSVILLE, TO COMPARE TO SEE IF THEY HAD THE SAME RESULTS AS OTHERS DID AND IF IT DID, THEN WHY WE WERE TOLD THAT NO ONE WAS FOUND WITH ANY HEALTH PROBLEMS BUT THE ATTORNEYS SENT SOME TO THE DOCTORS AFTER THEY MADE THIS STATEMENT. THE ATTORNEYS PAID SOME OF THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR HEALTH WHO BY THE WAY LIVED IN THE SAME COMMUNITY, MOSSVILLE. I WAS TOLD THAT THE HEALTH PAPERS HAD A COPYRIGHT SEAL ON THEM AND THEY COULD NOT BE GIVEN TO US AND I WAS NEVER SHOWN MY HEALTH PAPERS THE ATTORNEY DID. THESE PAPERS WERE NEVER MADE AVAILABLE. WHAT IS REALLY UP WITH THIS, THERE IS A RIGHT TO KNOW LAW, SO WE FEEL SOMETHING IS WRONG.

THE HEALTH WOULD HAVE BEEN THE BIGGEST PART OF THIS CASE
AND WE THE PEOPLE OF MOSSVILLE ASK THAT THE CIVIL RIGHTS
COORDINATOR REVIEW SECTION HELP THE PEOPLE OF MOSSVILLE
RECEIVE ACTION OF RELIEF FOR OUR HEALTH STATEMENTS MADE IN
THIS CASE TO BE CHANGED AND THE RIGHTS BE GIVEN BACK IN THE
COURT OF LAW FOR OUR HEALTH.

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